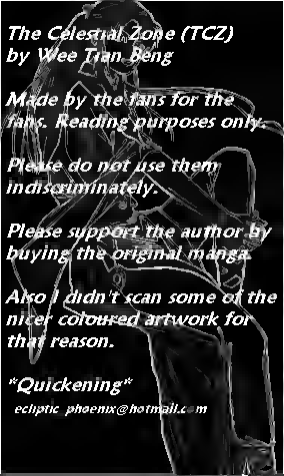
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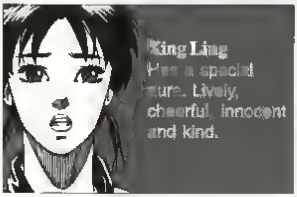

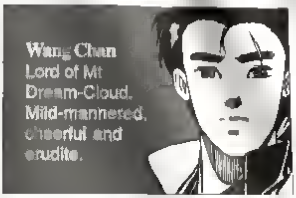

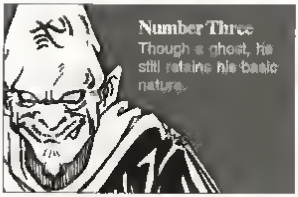

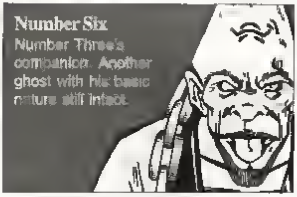

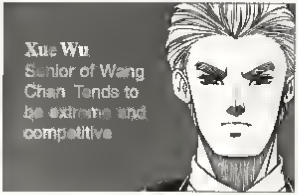

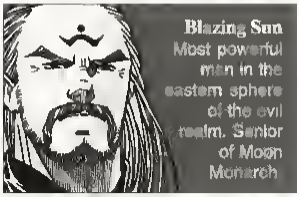
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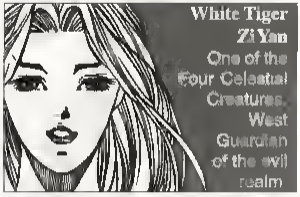
Most powerful man in the eastern sphere of the evil realm. Senior of Moon Monarch

Moon Monarch
Head of Moon Sect that operates in the western sphere of the evil realm.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Zi Yan
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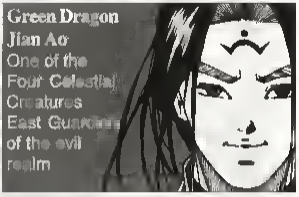
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Jian Ao
One of the Four Celestial Creatures
East Guardian of the evil realm

Xuan Hua Divine
Most powerful man in the central and northern spheres of the evil realm

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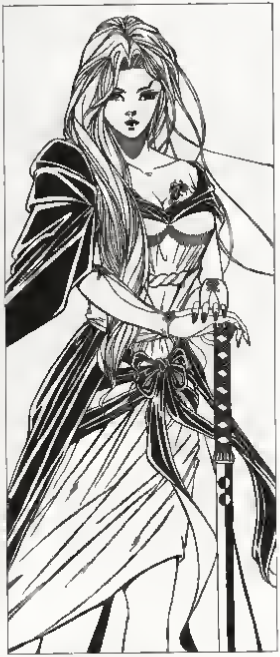

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Recapturing...

Legend had it that to reach the base of the western sphere of the evil realm, one had to use the Moonlit Lotus Gateway, which could be seen only in the moonlight. Thus far, no intruder had been able to leave the place alive...

Meanwhile, the power of Moon Monarch and Blazing Sun grew by leaps and bounds. Together, they sought not only to destroy Mt Dream-Cloud, but also to eliminate Xuan Hua Divine after making use of him.

Xue Wu finally destroyed Xuan Tian Crow, but only after she had insidiously nudged him towards the path of evil... Spurned by Wang Chan, White Tiger Zi Yan sent Green Tiger Jiao Ao to punish Wang Chan, while she herself ambushed Xing Ling...

Quickening

Thanks for reading TCZ!
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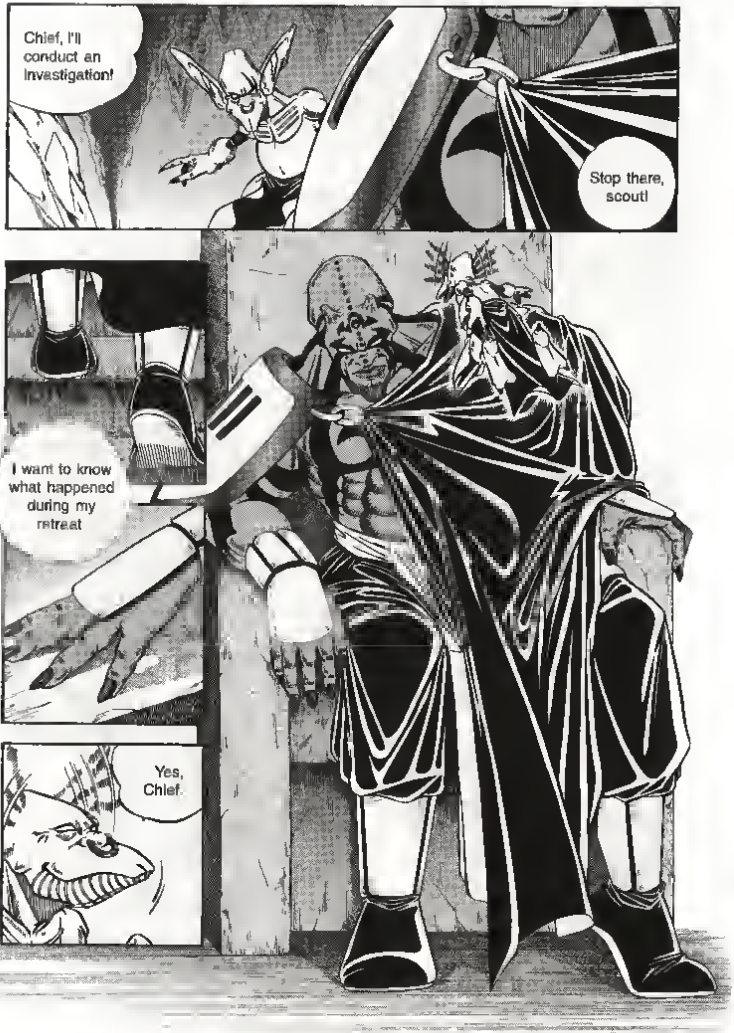
Congratulations on having mastered your skills, Xuan Hua Divine!

Xuan Tian Crow has died!
What? Xuan Tian Crow has died?
Chief... I wasn't aware of that... Please pardon my ineptitude
I sensed her death.
Given her prowess, very few could defeat her—
Do you think it was Moon Monarch and Blazing Sun who killed her?
Impossible! They need us at present

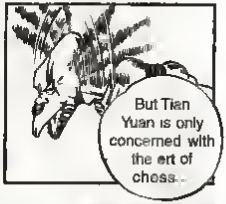

Chief, I'll conduct an investigation!
Stop there, scout!
I want to know what happened during my retreat
Yes, Chief.

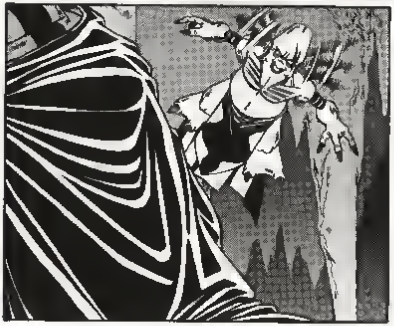
Oh? So Moon Monarch eliminated the formidable Chi Xue?
Is this news reliable?
Chief, the bitter fight between Chi Xue, Green Dragon and White Tiger has caused a furore...
Besides, I have personally visited the spot and have seen traces of the fight
But we've yet to confirm Chi Xue's death...
Hmm, Blazing Sun must have mastered the ninth level of Solar Shock...

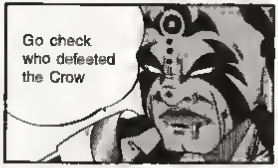
The power of Moon Monarch and Blazing Sun has reached its peak...
...while we've lost Xuan Tian Crow. This puts us at a disadvantage.

It's time we enlist the help of Tian Yuan.

Xuan Hua Tian Yuan?


But Tian Yuan is only concerned with the art of chess...




Go check who defeated the Crow

Yes, Chief

Long Brow how are the 12 Xuan Hua Evils progressing?
Chief, they are doing fine.
Good. They're our major strength in dealing with the Three Celestial Creatures from Moon Sect and Blazing Sun Sect
The meeting at Flying Peak is nearing.
Hee, hee...

THE BATTLE
OF MALING

Xing Ling are we leaving Wang Chan in the lurch?
We can't help it... Sigh...
Instead of helping him, we might become a burden... Dam! I'm so ashamed of myself!
But I believe that Wang Chan, with his wits, will escape danger
Why worry about him? You can hardly fend for yourself!
White Tiger Zi Yan!

Large, bnght eyes and a lovely, prominent nose She is such a beauty!
White Tiger! What do you want?
White Tiger? How come we keep running into big shots?
Wow! What a hot babe!
Well, I just need you to do two things
First, disappear forever Second, tell me your name
I wouldn't want to kill a pretty girl without knowing her name
It'll be such a sheme to me!
Are you sure you can kill me?

Don't forget I defeated you at Bamboo Grove the other time
Ha, ha! What an innocent little beauty!
Chuyi had told Xing Ling what had happened See Vol 7.
You may fool other people with your strength, but you can't hoodwink me.
On analysis, I surmise there was a great force within you
A pity you didn't know how to control it. Am I right?
!!
Ha, ha, you've turned pale, my beauty! You're not a good liar.

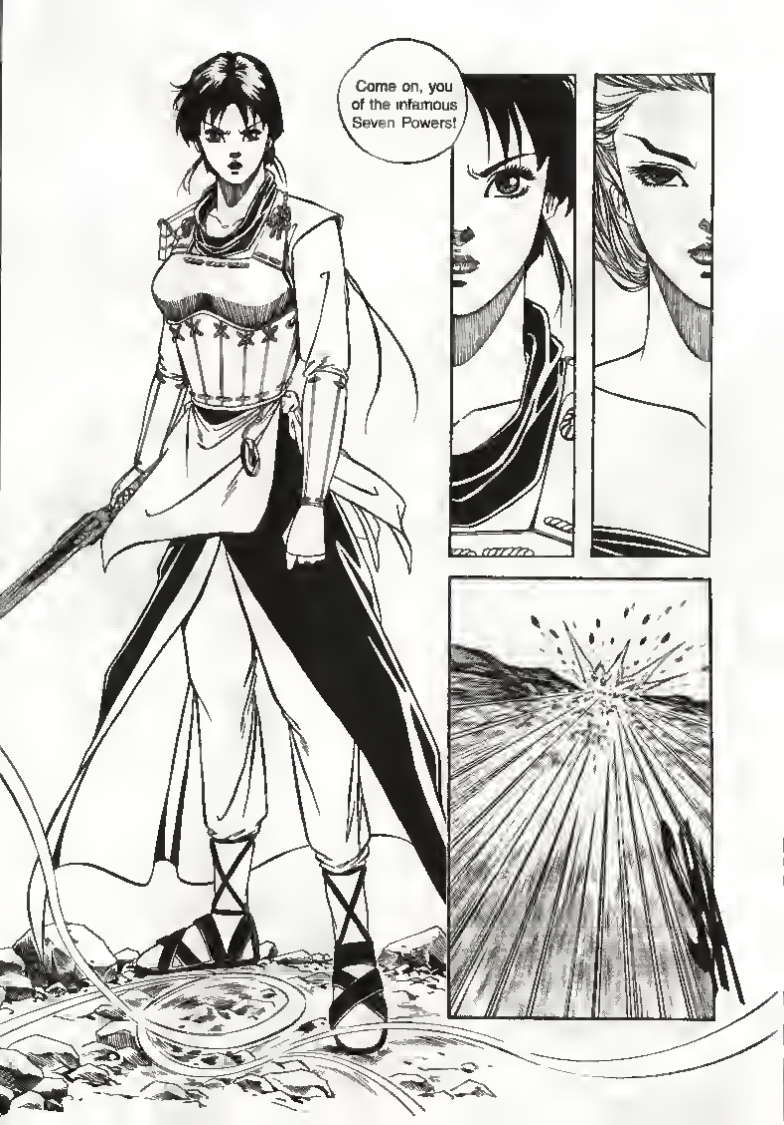
It's easy to check your strength. If you were really powerful, ...
... Wang Chan and the others wouldn't have been in a fix that day
But indeed, I was taken aback by your power too
Now, eternal farewell to you, my beauty!
Xing Ling, let's... fight!
Hold it!

White Tiger, If I'm your only target ...
... please let my friends leave...
Xing...
Ling...
Right, right! I don't know what's going on ...
White Tiger. I don't wish to see the loss of more innocent lives.
You are as naïve and innocent as I when I was a kid.
All right, the others may leave

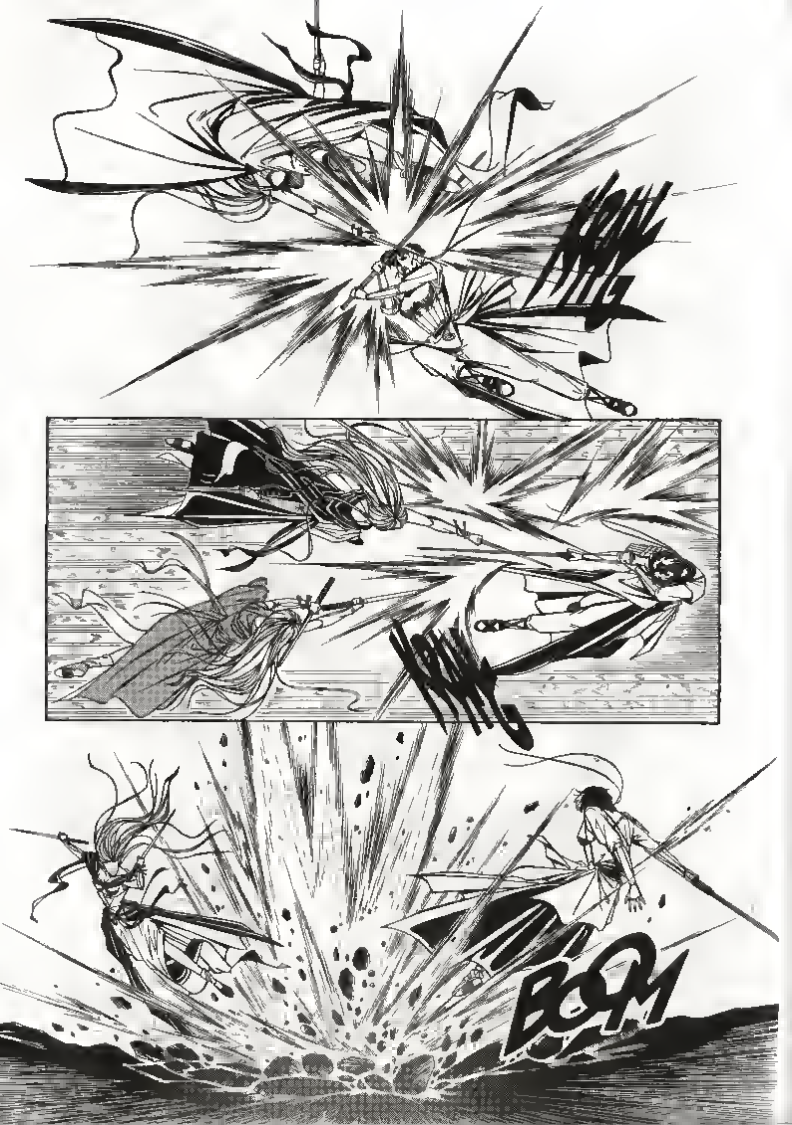
Number Three, Number Six what I want to say now is what Wang Chen said earlier on!
All right, Xing Ling, we'll leave so as not to get in your way
But we will come back to look for you
Fine
You may begin. I'll go with whoever wins Both are pretty anyway Hee, hee!

White Tiger... He, one of the Seven Powers again. What luck!
She showed her agility at Bamboo Grove. I must be cautious
Oh, the spirit sword?
She could wield a spirit sword! That's surprising.
Jian Ao must be right when he said she defeated Big Head with one blow. I'll be more careful

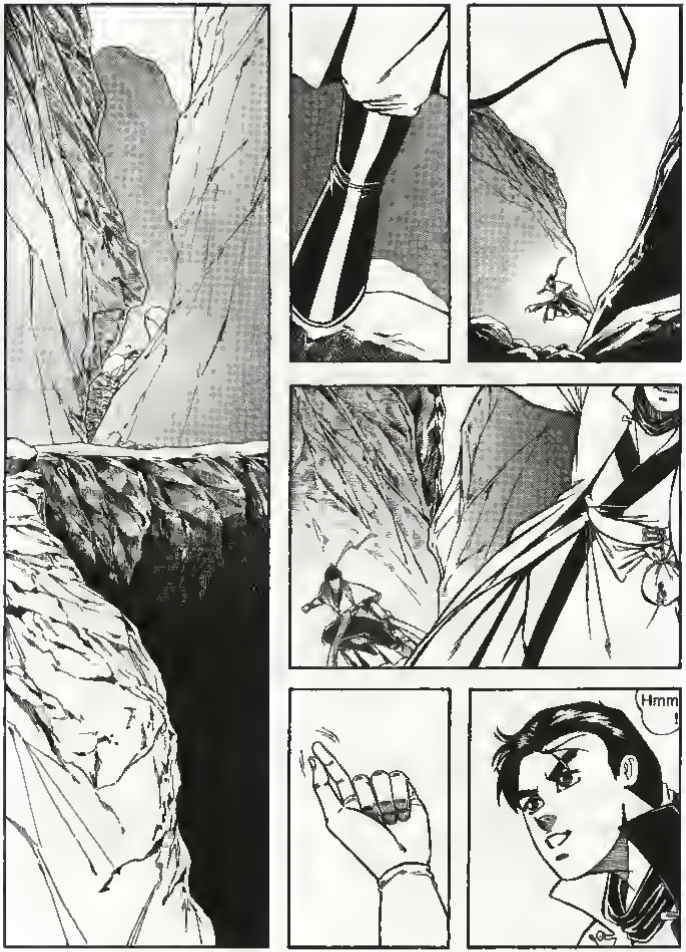
Xing Ling, don't expect Chi Xue and Wang Chan to save you this time!
You'll have to face this crisis on your own
Chi Xue and Panda mentioned that White Tiger is resourceful
This duel needs not only fighting skills, but wits as well
I'd rather die than let anybody save me!


Come on, you of the infamous Seven Powers!

*Xing Ling can't tell the difference between right and left.

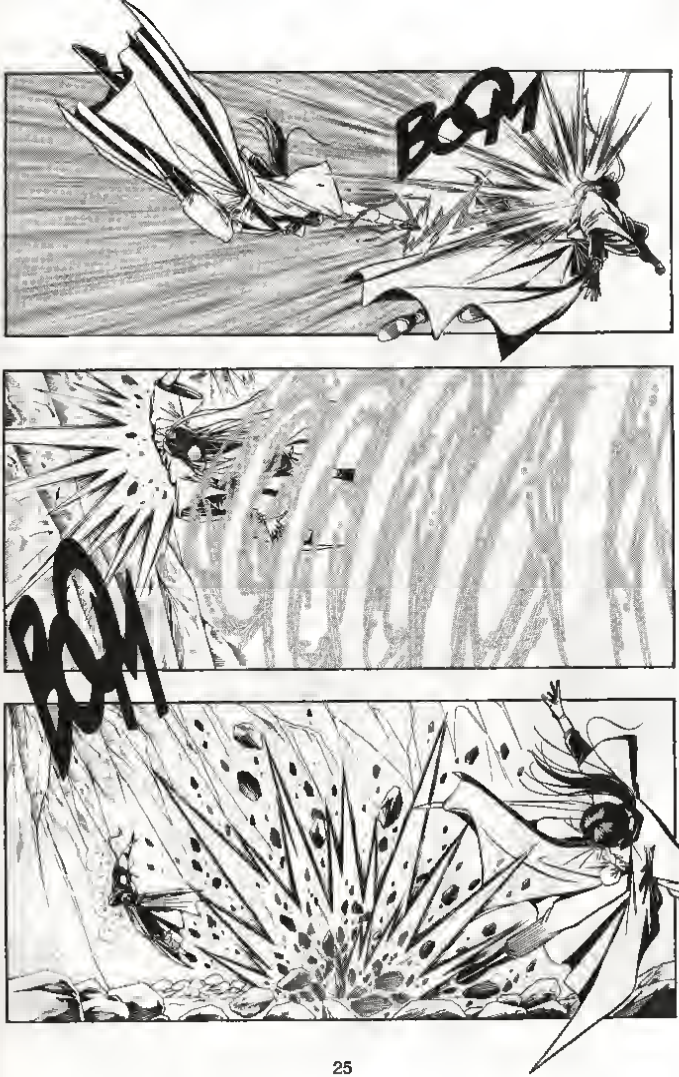

BOOM

Hee, hee! The little beauty is adroit!
But she can't run away from my double swords
Hey, you've yet to tell me your name!
Tell me or I can't kill you! Ha, ha!


Hmm

Hey, that's quick!
What ?!

SH
BOM


BOOM
BOOM

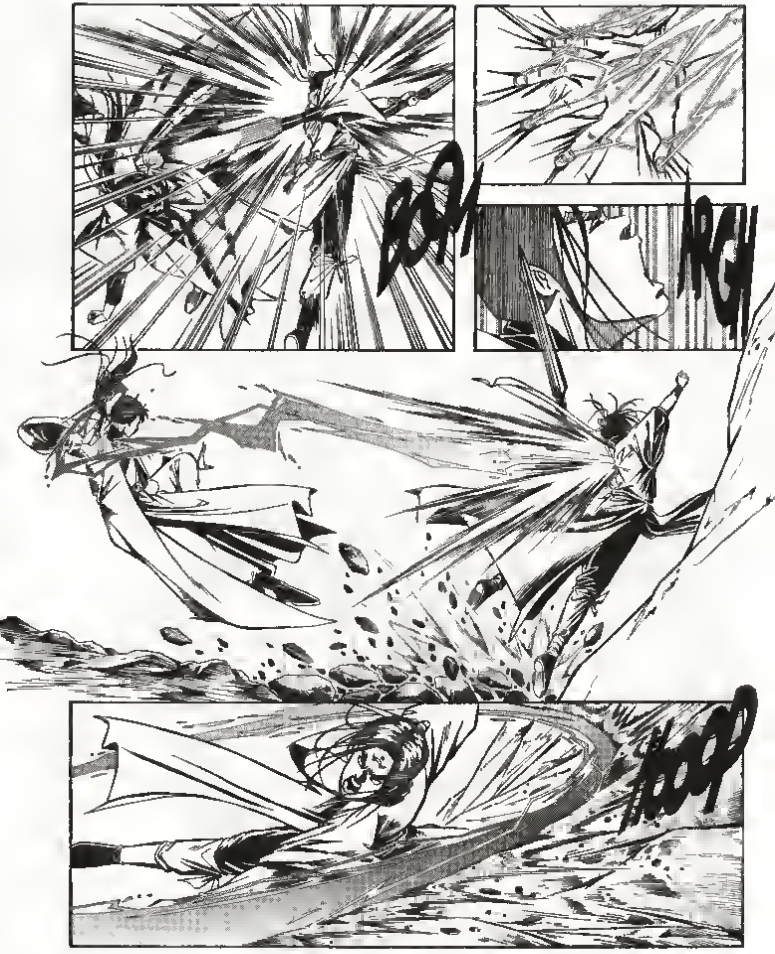
Not running anymore?
Hey...
Isn't this a miserable place for you to meet your death?
Are you sure you can kill me?
What?

Ha, ha, ha!
Lad, do you know who you're talking to?
In my eyes, there's no one I cannot defeat
except my teacher Blazing Sun, Xuan Hua the old man end Moon Monarch
Of course there was Chi Xue but she's already dead...
You mean you're the strongest in the younger generation?
Hey the truth speaks for itself

Though I promised someone I wouldn't take your life, I hate doing anybody's bidding
Lad, you've yet to master the spirit sword What a letdown!
Still, I hope you'll fight to the last
What an arrogant creature! I must first deflate his arrogance!
I've completed the "yin, chi tui, bi"* of the Art of War
Now, it's time to use the "dayang, dazhang, dajing and dakai"*"!

* "Yin, chi, tui, bi" *refer to "the latent, the slack, the withdrawal and the closure" techniques.*
** "Dayang, dazhang, dajing and dakai" *refer to "the intense, the open, the proactive and the aggressive" techniques.*

Don't worry I won't disappoint you
Ha, ha, let's begin!
KRAKAK
BOOM

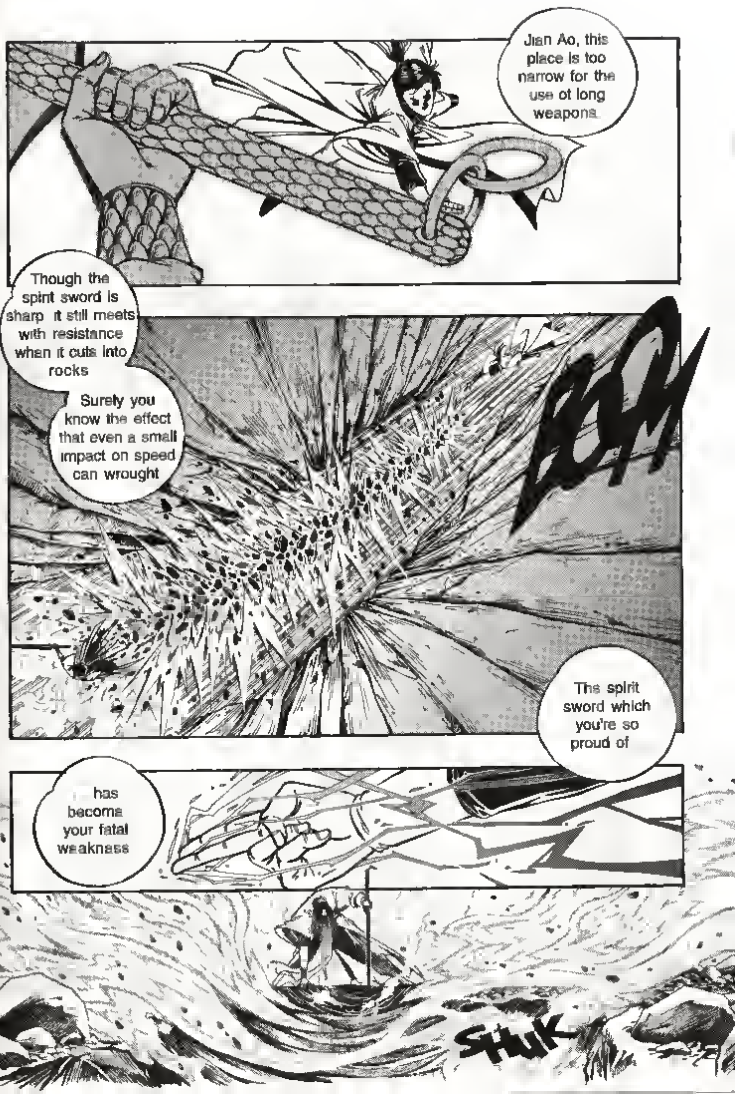

BOOM
ARGH
WOOP

BHP
BOOP
BOOP

BAM
BOOM

CELESTIAL DRAGON
THUNDER FLAME!

KA-KAK
BOOM
WHIRLWIND KICK!
THUNDER-LIGHT VIBRATION!
ELECTRIC ILLUSION FINGER!


Jian Ao, this place is too narrow for the use of long weapons
Though the spirit sword is sharp it still meets with resistance when it cuts into rocks
Surely you know the effect that even a small impact on speed can wrought
BOOM
This spirit sword which you're so proud of
has become your fatal weakness
SHUK

Lad, you're good at making use of terrain, but you've forgotten that...
even without the spirit sword I am more powerful than you!
That's good His mind is in a whirl now
He's no longer as confident I've gained the upper hand

Hey, Wang Chan of Mt Dream-Cloud! Meet my Celestial Dragon Deadly Palms!
He, ha! Green Dragon, you've not thoroughly grasped the situation!
Then try my Three-In-One!

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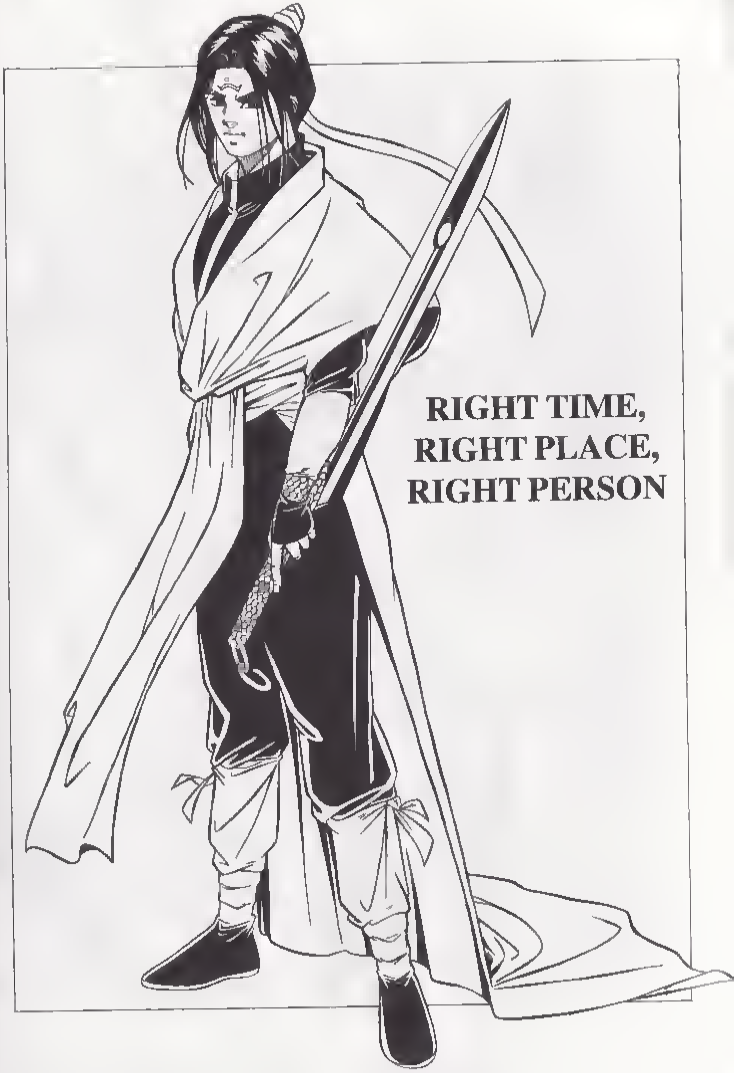

RIGHT TIME,
RIGHT PLACE,
RIGHT PERSON

We've exchanged 100 blows. How much longer can you hold out?

BOOM

Hmm, she's become less steady. It's obvious she's inexperienced...
Pant... Though White Tiger is less powerful than Xuan Tian Crow...
...she is much more agile. What a formidable opponent
No! I must win this fight!
BOOM
Take this!
BOOM

Xing Ling! Take it easy. Be calm!
Be calm, be calm

Miss Xing Ling, when you wielded the spirit sword,
...I could tell you have not liberated its full force
Xing Ling, remember. You must stay calm in order to command the spirit sword
Stay calm! Only then can I turn the tables on her!
But she's so agile. And her swords...
...are capable of attacking from any angle. They are unpredictable and formidable...

She's a wily fox!
Xing Ling, everything has two sides, just like a coin.
Nothing is absolute. Look at this burning wood.
From your angle, it's hot and you can't touch it.
But from another angle...
... it is cool and you can hold it in your bare hands.
Just like what we see in a *taiji* symbol, black and white are mingled.
It all depends on your perspective.

Putting it simply, any power has its weakness.
It all depends on whether we can find it.
Right. Though I've sustained more injuries than I did during my battle against the Crow...
I am not as seriously wounded.
It's because speed reduces the impact.
It is her strength as well as her weakness!

Chi Xue, how do I master invincible swordsmenship?
Xing Ling, there's no one skill perfect for everybody
As for me, I concentrate on the will of the sword
There are no hard and fast rules to follow...
In a fight, with the environment as the base,
... we have to combine our feelings, intuitions and creativity when we take the offensive or defensive...
Chi Xue, what is the will of the sword?

It's the combination of qi*, the sword and my physical being
By using all three without restraints to attain speed, steadiness and accuracy,
– we can create infinite changes in a non-rigid swordsmanship
Of course speed steadiness and accuracy need plenty of practice Understand?
Combining qi, the sword and my physical being
*"Qi" refers to willpower here

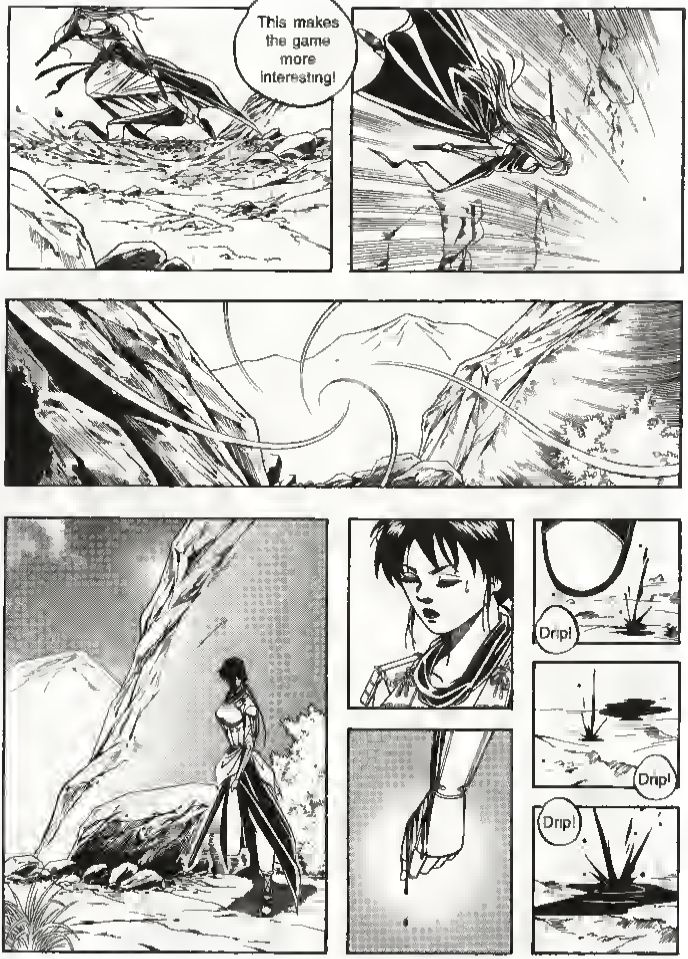
Xing Ling, take note of your kindness–
It'll affect your performance during a fight
What do you mean?

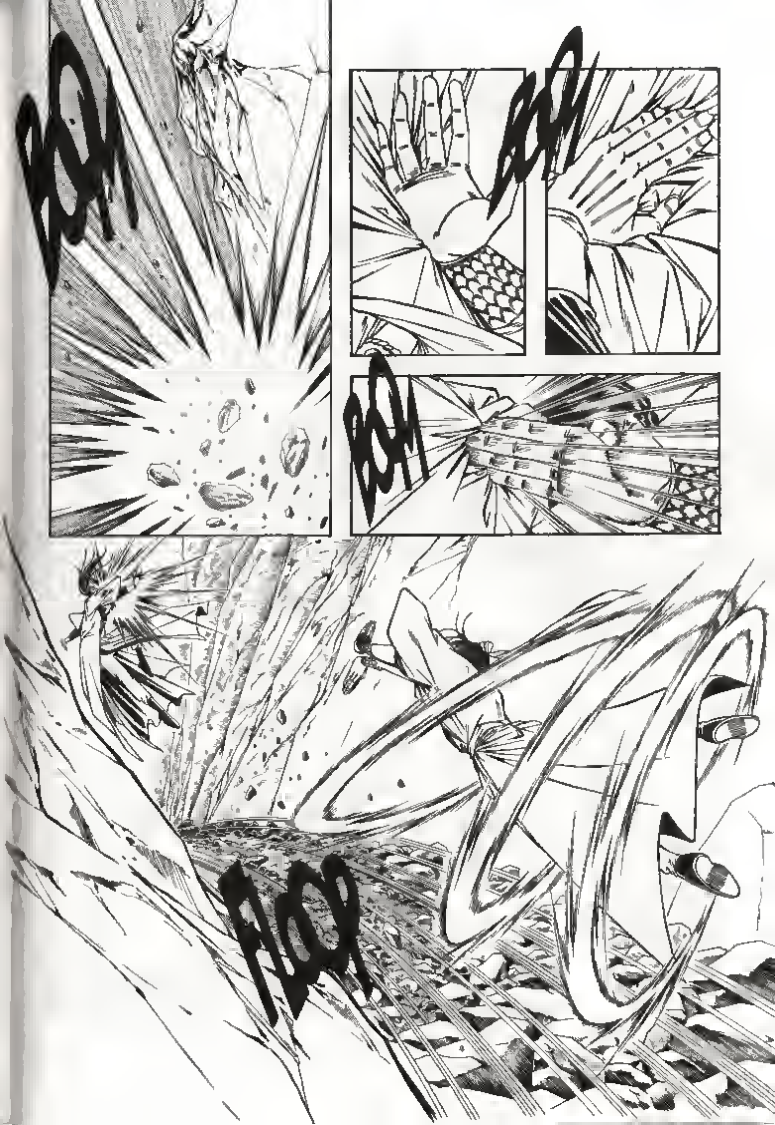
Because you fear that your opponent will be killed if you should lose control of your sword.
Xing Ling you have to overcome this psychological obstacle
Otherwise, you can't give full play to your potential
Psychological barrier... potential...
How am I to achieve a breakthrough?

Xuan Tian Crow seemed to have used a certain power ...
... to control and stimulate her own willpower and physical strength.
Controlling my mind... increasing my strength ... the sword and I are as one...
Hmm! I've heard of the power of hypnosis!
I've learnt it too

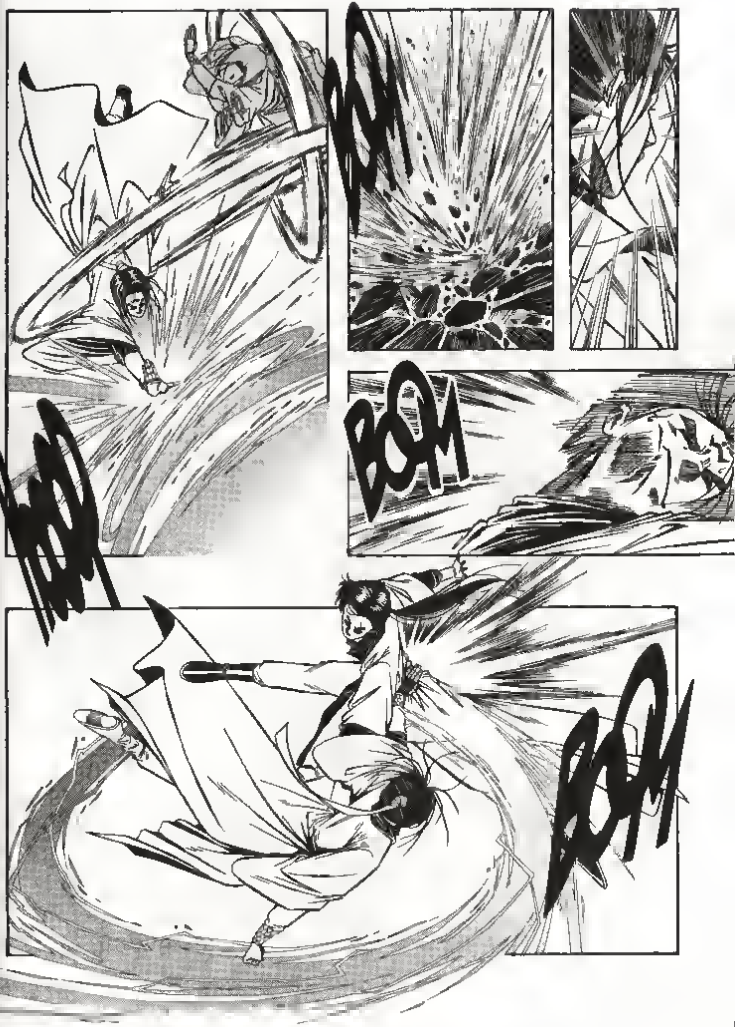
Indeed
Having regrets now?

flap
Not a drop of blood at all! She's good!


This makes the game more interesting!
Drip!
Drip!
Drip!


BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
FLOP

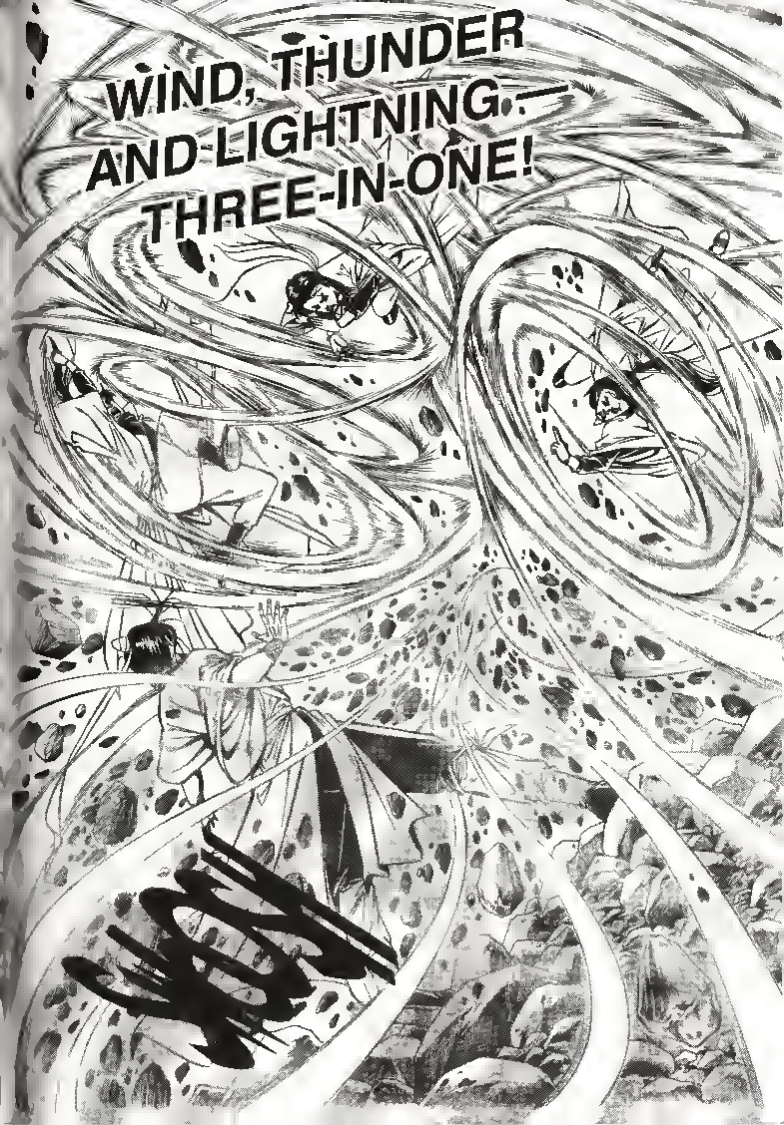
BOOM


BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

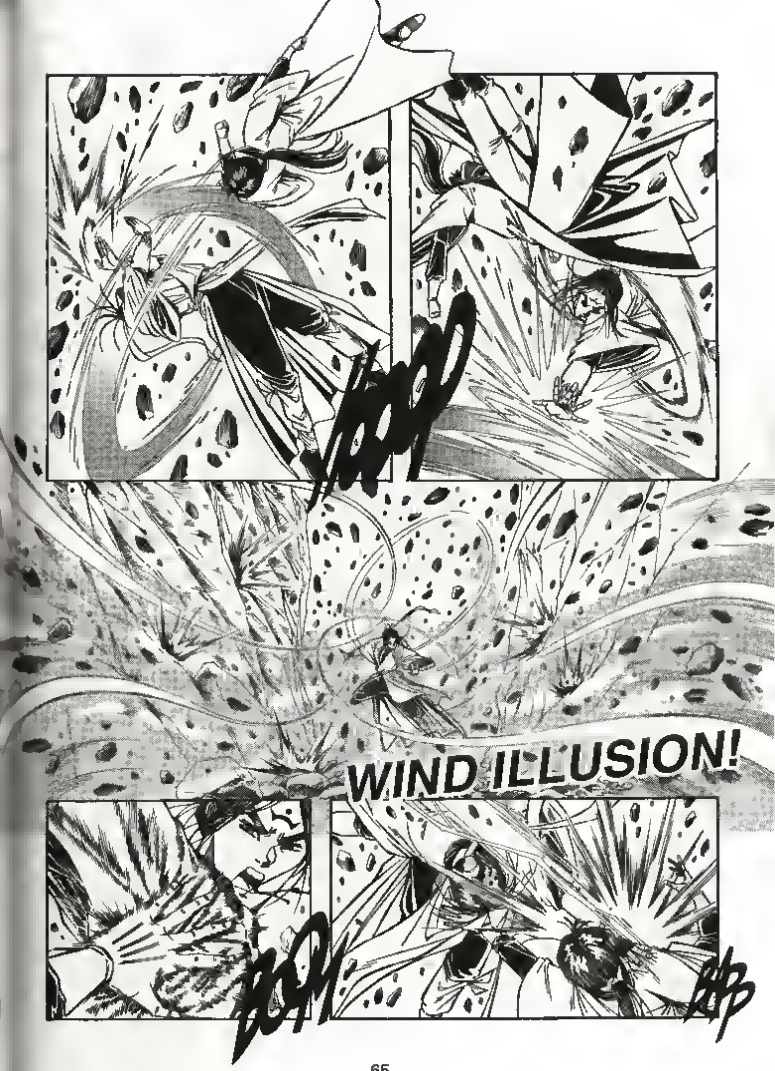
Ha, ha!
Green Dragon of the Seven Powers is fighting someone who has no spirit sword
Aren't you ashamed of yourself?

Shut up! I will defeat you!
I've controlled his feelings. The time is almost ripe...
FLOP
Just the right time!
SHUK

SHUK
Ah! Why is there a sudden gust of wind?
Jian Ao I'm facing the wind but you have your back to it!
You're doomed!!
The wind can boost my energy, speed and strength! It's the right time, the right place and the right person! All in my favour! Oh Green Dragon...
SHOW


WIND, THUNDER
AND LIGHTNING—
THREE-IN-ONE!

Nonsense!
THUNDERBOLT-FINGERS!
BAP
The *Art of War* says, "A perilous threat does not last long, just like a fully stretched bow ready to shoot."
BOOM
When everything is in order, hit back with great force and speed!
WHIRLWIND-KICK!


WIND ILLUSION!

BAP
BAP
BAP
BOOM
WOW
BOOM
BAP
BOOM

Get lost!
Wang Chan, I still beat you!

CELESTIAL FORCES!
Darn it! This wretched place!

Hoop
Hoop
Hoop
THREE-IN-ONE!

BAM

LOOM
SHUK
Jian Ao, the outcome of a fight does not depend entirely on strength.
The use of strategy may well change the outcome.

You lost because you were complacent and made little of your opponent
The Four Celestial Creatures should represent righteousness. I hope you'll return to the right way.
SHUK

Quickening

TRUE
POTENTIAL

SHIK
The aura of the sword! It's from there!
SHIK
Ha, had enough rest?

SHOSH
BOOM
ARGH

The Destroyer of Evil
– Chi Xue?
Wait!
Impossible

It's her
What happened?

How could she heve chenged within such a short time?
And she's as powerful as the Destroyer of Evil!
But... there's e difference... Chi Xue exudes e deadly eura.
But this girl hes e different spiritual air.
Though they're different, their presence...
... exerts e stifling pressure. Why?

Is this her true strength?

HOY
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK

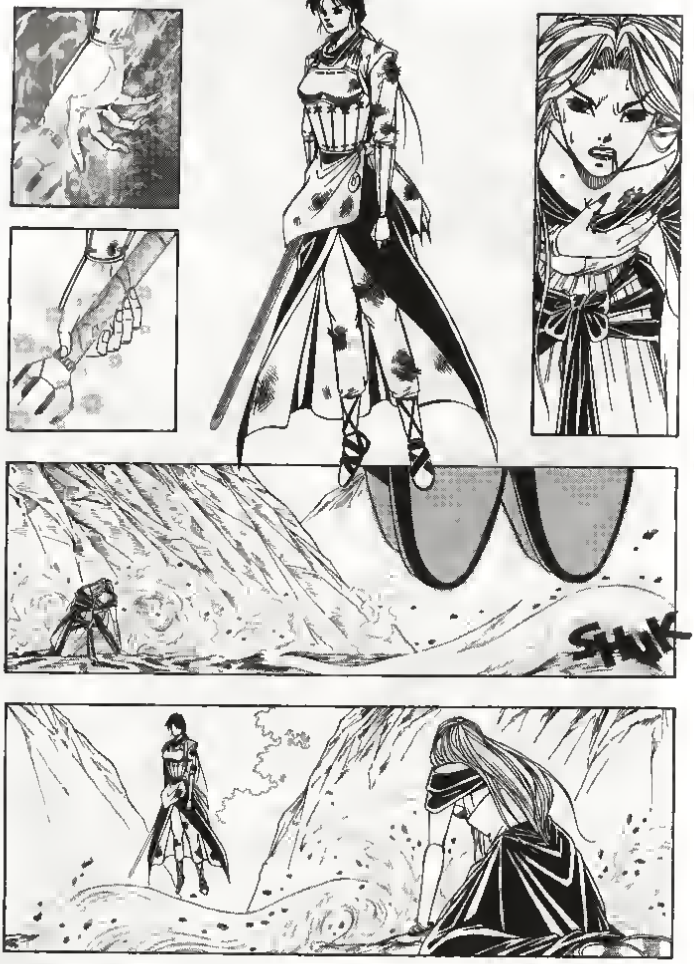
SWOOSH
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK

SSSH
Two Into One!
I can master the sword too!

KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
Return!
Two Into
One –
Split!
Hoop

SWOOSH
Ah! My swords!
Split!

PAW
THUD


SHUK

Hers is a virgin sword!

It's her?!
Has Green Dragon lost too? How could it be?
I can't destroy her...
Ah! It's Xing Ling!

Drip!
Drip!
Wow! So Xing Ling is here!
She could display such a magnificent force!
I'm glad she's fine!
Oh, Chen is back too?
Chan, I'm surprised by Xing Ling's mighty spiritual force
Xing Ling, you've defeated your enemy
BRP
BRP

Wang Chan, what's happened to her?
This silly girl to give full play to her potential,
sha hypnotised herself But she's all right now
Ah Chan
Oh! That super spicy girl has lost? What a pity!

She hypnotised herself? What does that mean?
Xing Ling did you count your blood drops to hypnotise yourself?
Yes
Weng Chan, why did she do that?
In a hypnotised state a persons sense of hearing touch and smell are extremely sensitive
She can suppress her own wishes and give full play to her latent energy

I've... made it.
Xing Ling, do you know how dangerous it is?
Chen...
If you use hypnosis again and no one is around to wake you up...
... within two hours, you'll never regain consciousness
Besides, you may die of excessive bleeding

Xing Ling, I hope you won't resort to this dangerous tactic again.
Get it?
I understand
Chan, I won't use it again. But I must train hard and improve my strength.
I don't want to live under anybody's protection
Number Three, Number Six, how come you're here too?

Number Six and I were worried about you so we turned back...
to give you some assistance On our way we felt a powerful force
Out of curiosity we ran towards it and found it came from you!
Did I really display such a mighty force?
Yes I was attracted by it too Xing Ling, it's proof of your potential
After some hard work, you will master it! Buck up!
I will

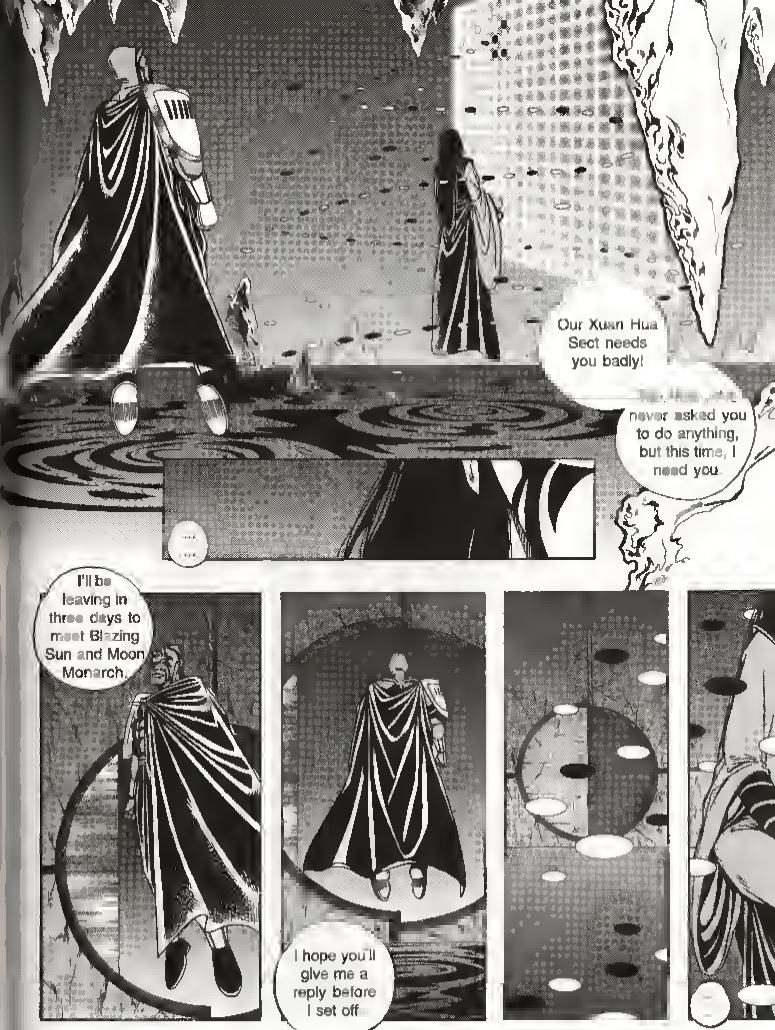
Xing Ling, who did you meet?
White Tiger Zi Yan!
Sigh

SHUK
Was Jian Ao really defeated?

These traces show that he was really defeated
Weng Chan...
I had never looked down on you
But I had certainly underestimated you
Chan...

Tian Yuan, it is me
SHIK
Crow is dead!

Tian Yuen though you've never asked what goes on in our sect,
... you know what goes on in the Celestial Zone
The death of Crow is a heavy loss to us
Besides Blazing Sun and Moon Monarch are growing in strength.


Our Xuan Hua Sect needs you badly!
never asked you to do anything, but this time, I need you.
...
...
I'll be leaving in three days to meet Blazing Sun and Moon Monarch.
I hope you'll give me a reply before I set off.

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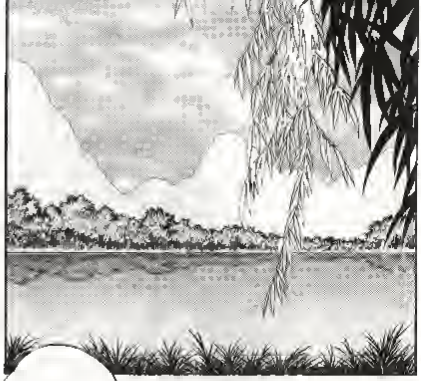
THE MEETING AT FLYING PEAK



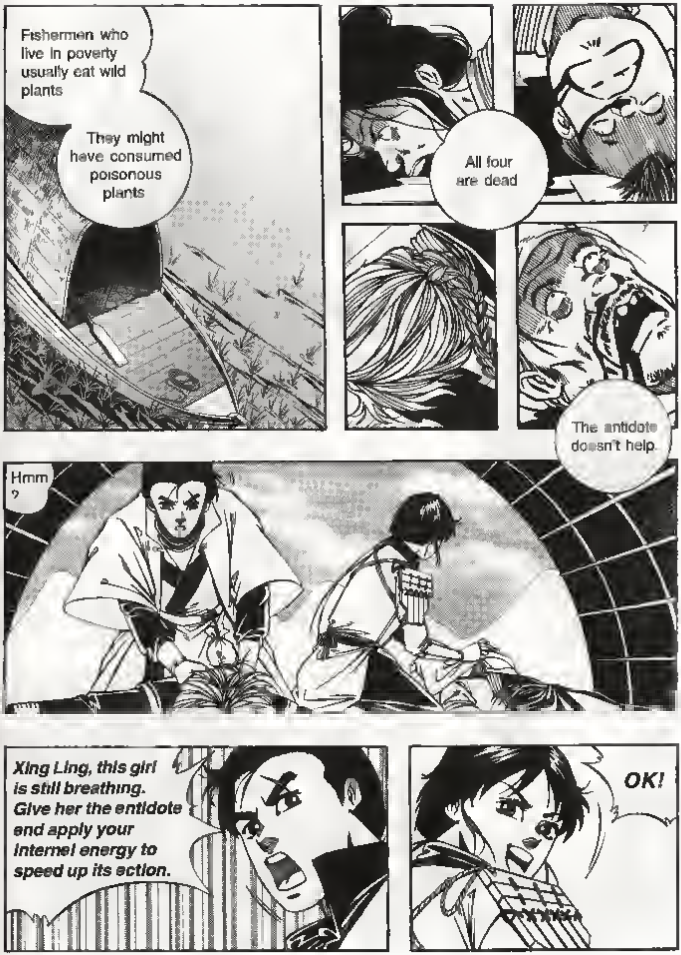
What a tranquil and refreshing place!

Chan, are we reaching Mt Dream-Cloud soon?

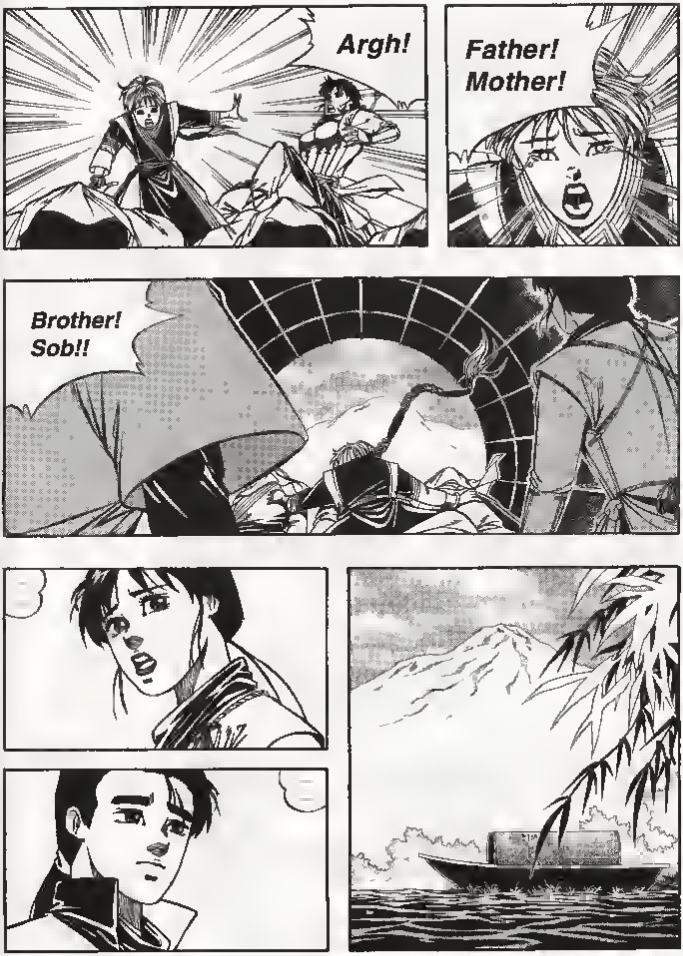
Almost. We'll take a boat up front.

Chan, that boat is moored in a strange manner
Let's check it out!
Chan, somebody has fainted!

Look, their faces and legs have turned black Were they poisoned?
I have some antidote from Chuyi
I think it's food poisoning


Fishermen who live in poverty usually eat wild plants
They might have consumed poisonous plants
All four are dead
The antidote doesn't help.
Hmm ?
Xing Ling, this girl is still breathing. Give her the antidote and apply your internal energy to speed up its action.
OK!

Puke!
Good.. you're fine now..
Fear not. We mean no harm. We were passing by


Argh!
Father!
Mother!
Brother!
Sob!!

Pant
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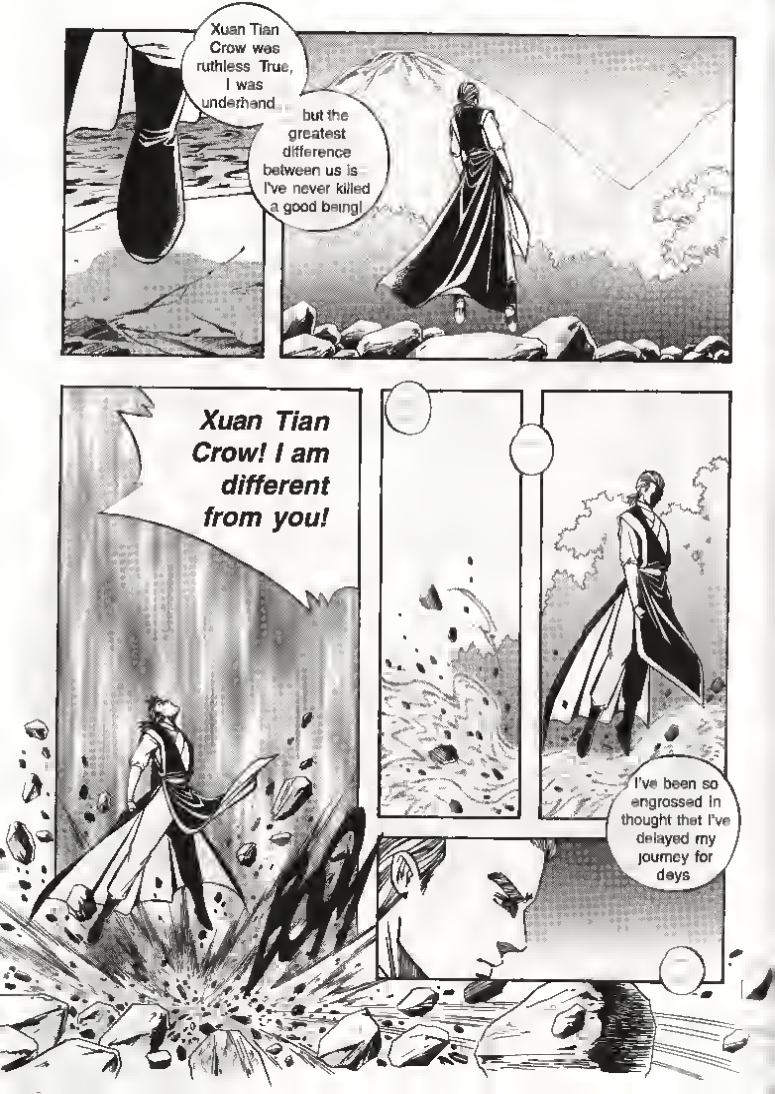
I thought I was the strongest in the new generation
Drip!
But...
Pride goes before a fall That applies to me all right
A person with a spirit sword is defeated by another without a spirit sword
The impossible has become possible

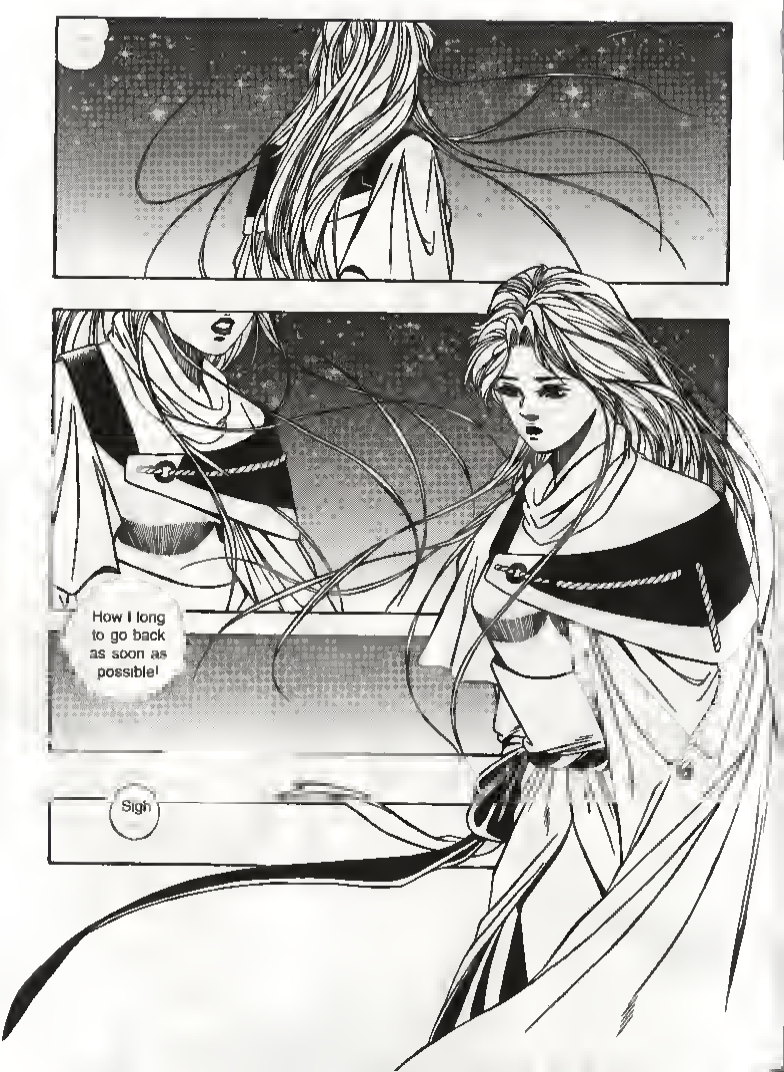
Hey , Wang Chan, I have to acknowledge your wits and valour
But I, Jian Ao will strike back!
Wang Chan

It's different! We're absolutely different!
I, Xue Wu, am duty-bound to eliminate evil.
There're no restrictions on the method I adopt!


Xuan Tian Crow was ruthless True, I was underhand
but the greatest difference between us is I've never killed a good being!
Xuan Tian Crow! I am different from you!
I've been so engrossed in thought that I've delayed my journey for days

A beautiful starry sky!
What a marvellous expanse!

I can't accept this!
Why am I the only one who can see it?
Is there nothing we can do about the eyes?
Be wary Do not let the evil powers find out
Sigh I m relieved just to know everybody is safe
I will visit them where they are
I ll be cautious If not for that Red Blood Jade
It's been 10 years or so I m really glad to see you Aren't you going back?
Go back now! I'm sure they are all anxiously waiting for you
When I ve completed my mission, I ll go back
Sigh


How I long to go back as soon as possible!
Sigh

Chuchu, the poison has been purged but you're still weak
Come with us to the mountain
When you recover, you may choose to stay or leave
Just take a good rest Do not worry
Look.. we're at the foot of Mt Dream-Cloud

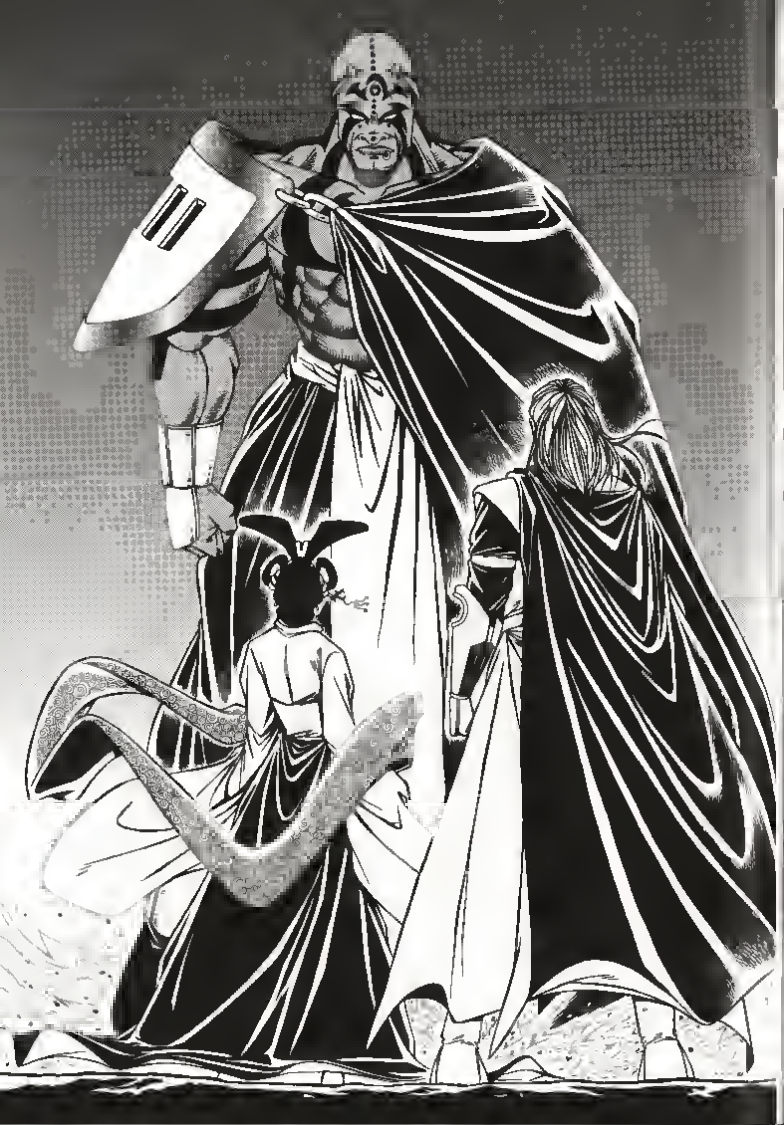
This is Mt Dream-Cloud!

Please stay close to me because this forest is our most critical zone of defence.
Chen, do you meen this forest works like Bamboo Grove?
Right. But it's much more destructive
I heard it's known as the "Eight Sky Ways Mep"
Does it deter the evil powers from attacking Mt Dream-Cloud?
Then... it must be Mt Dream-Cloud's lifeline What if someone enters unwittingly?
Won't he be starved to death?

Ha, ha! If we're certain the trespasser does us no harm,
we'll send someone to lead him out.
You mean someone is keeping watch?
It's Chan!
Great! Chan is back!
Chan!

Flying Peak... A wonder of Nature...
Senior, you and Xuan Hua Divine are ranked top in the Celestial Zone.
Have you met him before?
No.
Tonight shall be our first meeting...
I didn't expect us to meet for collaboration

Ha, hai Senior, ever heard of the saying "there are no eternal friends or enemies"?
All decisions are made on pragmetic grounds
Of course, our relationship is an exception
It's time. Xuan Hua should be here any minute
Here he is



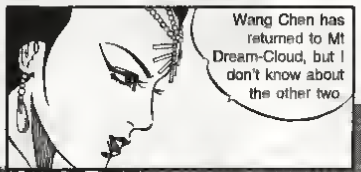
Blazing Sun!
Xuan Hua Divine!

Ha, ha, ha! Both of you are top leaders indeed!
The aura you exude is suffocating me!
Moon Monarch, cut the crap. Lets begin!
Ha, ha! Fine, let's get to the point.
Wang Chan and Xue Wu are the leaders of Mt Dream-Cloud
Besides, Wei Qi the disciple of the Boundless Old Man, is Wang Chan's good friend

The three of them are our main obstacles
Our latest tip is, the three of them are apart right now

We must not let them get together!
Let's attack them separately

An interesting plot, Moon Monarch, do you know their whereabouts?


Wang Chen has returned to Mt Dream-Cloud, but I don't know about the other two

No problem. We can release news that we're launching an attack
They will surely rush back. We may then waylay them on the major routes

Hey
Xuan Hua, to be fair, one of them for each of us
Hey, she's trying to undermine my prowess. But I'll just play along...
No problem!
Good! I'll send Red Phoenix to deal with Xue Wu!
Though Xue Wu is the leader he often trains in the mountains...
... and lacks fighting experience The True Phoenix which Red Phoenix mastered...
shall be his bane!

Good. I'll send Xuan Hua Tian Yuan to tackle Wai Qi who's famous for his skill in chess
Xuan Hua Tian Yuan?
"Tianyuan" is the central point on the *weiqi* board
So, Xuan Hua Tian Yuan must be a chess fanatic too! Ha, ha! Two chess fanatics! Interesting!
My senior Blazing Sun, together with his disciple Green Dragon, ...
... 500 demons and the Yimus, will form the strike force.
Moon Monarch's assistants will be the reinforcements, while I shall stay at the rear to keep watch.
What do you think?
Fine. As the Commander-in-Chief, I'll lead 400 troops to launch an attack!

Ha, ha! It's excellent to have your co-operation
That woman's plan sounds great!
With she and Blazing Sun apart, I will find a chance to kill Blazing Sun!
Xuan Hua Divine, I hear that your sister was killed Such a pity ...
Aren't you afraid my senior and I might join forces against you?
Moon Monarch would never do that!
Ha, ha! You're worthy of your name, Xuan Hua Divine!
With you collaborating with my senior, ...
... Mt Dream-Cloud is doomed! Ha, ha, ha!

I hereby announce...
the attack on Mt Dream Cloud is launched!

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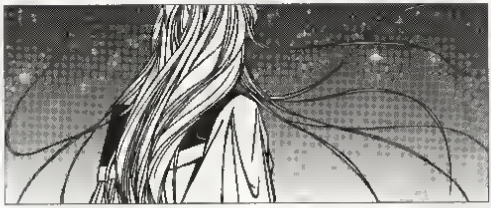

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